

We'd like to welcome all players, coaches, families and volunteers to the 2018-2019 Ringette season! We are excited to be involved in the league play this year and look forward a great season.

The beginning of a new season always brings excitement for the players of joining a new team, a new age group, meeting new teammates and coaches and rekindling and continuing friendships with former teammates. We want to thank everyone for volunteering and helping get through the last several weeks of evaluations.

We want to thank the league and association ice schedulers for working their magic constantly to have games and practices. It goes remarkably smooth every year for the many moving parts involved.

This year we also have the excitement of the new 14C division in our province. This is a big testament to the growth of ringette - another competitive division to help grow the sport . We are excited that so many players have returned for another season and new players are joining this amazing sport. It speaks volumes to our positive sport culture to have this increasing retention year to year.

As we embark on this new season, we'd like to highlight the culture of respect we expect in our league play. Respect is an expectation of all participants, meaning players, coaches, officials and fans. We encourage positive and productive communication to resolve conflicts. Please reiterate to your players, parents and coaches to have those cooling off periods, the 24 rule, etc. before discussing issues. During games there is not always agreement between players, coaches, fans and officials, but please remember to be respectful. Issues can be addressed after the games if needed – seek assistance from your association as needed who is there for support and guidance. Our goal is always zero discipline hearings for players, coaches, officials and fans.

We cannot emphasize enough, our appreciation of the time and effort that you as coaches put in to the sport of ringette and helping grow our players, both on the ice and off. You are an integral part of this sport and our players look up to you!

This is the fastest game on ice and we have a safe, fun and healthy place for all to play. Ultimately it is all about making sure they have a great ringette experience this year.

All the best in the 2018-2019 season!

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